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Mr. David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Approval of the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and Essex Communications Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*  
Docket No. 02-00535

Dear Mr. Waddell:

Enclosed are five paper copies and a CD Rom of the Interconnection Agreement between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") and Essex Communications Inc. D/B/A eLEC Communications (eLEC). Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, eLEC and BellSouth are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the attached Petition for approval of the Interconnection Agreement .

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Wesley Minella, Essex Communications Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications  
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